

## FROM KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

### THE CASE AGAINST MAYOR FRANK WILLIARD STILL ON TRIAL.

**A Continuance Granted Until an Important Witness Arrives From Western Kansas—What the Evidence Given Yesterday Disclosed—A House in Rosedale Destroyed by Fire Together With Some Greenbacks—Church Announcements—Events of Interest and Suburban Gossip.**

The case of the State against Mayor Frank A. Williard of Argentine, charged with malfeasance in office, was not concluded last night. On account of the inability of an important witness to be in attendance, an adjournment was taken until Monday morning. The absent witness is William Rue, an Argentine contractor. At present Rue is sub-contracting under Mayor Williard at the State Imbecile asylum at Winfield. Friday he was notified that he was wanted as a witness for the defense, and he started for home that evening. His train was delayed ten hours at Burton on account of a wreck, making it impossible for him to reach the city yesterday. The defendant said that he would certainly be in court on Monday.

By Rue's testimony the defense proposes to contradict the evidence of a witness named Petrie. Petrie swore that Williard, Rue and himself played cards in Richardson's place during the month of May. Williard swore that no such game ever took place, and sent for Rue, whom he thinks will testify to the same thing.

There was nothing unusual in the proceedings yesterday, except the severe scolding of some of the attorneys by Judge Anderson. Attorneys Getty and Hale indulged in considerable back talk during the afternoon, until the court became thoroughly aroused. The judge consumed about five minutes in his speech, and he literally "peeled" the lawyers. After he had finished Getty arose as a "personal privilege" to explain, but the court said no explanations were in order and ordered Getty to sit down. He did so. The examination of witnesses was then resumed, and from that time on everything went off peacefully.

The forenoon was taken up almost wholly in examining witnesses to impeach John Lanka, the ignorant German who testified the day before that he had seen Williard drink "eggs and cherry" in Richardson's place in May. Two witnesses, Charles Dodson and George Simmons, swore that they would not believe him under oath. One of the reasons given by Simmons why he took no stock in Lanka necessitated him relating the following story:

"A year or so ago Lanka had a fight with a man named Smith in Argentine. Lanka claimed that he broke his arm in the fight and filed suit against Smith to recover damages. Lanka carried his arm in a sling for a long time. A few days after the fight he was walking on the street and happened to be near a little child as it tripped and fell down. Lanka, instead of picking up the child with his well arm, jerked his alleged broken arm out of the sling and raised the child to its feet. The witness said that Lanka did not act as though his arm was broken at all. Simmons also claimed that Lanka was a common saloon "bum." An adjournment was then taken until afternoon.

Frank A. Williard, the defendant, was next placed on the stand, and for an hour he was subjected to a severe examination and cross-examination. He said that he was elected Mayor of the supposed city of Argentine on April 4, 1893, and took the oath of office on April 15. He denied having been in Captain Richardson's joint since his election except on two occasions, when he went in there to see the captain in reference to a contract to build a house. He further said: "I have given the county attorney all the information against jointists within my knowledge since I become Mayor; I have never played a game of cards in the place since being Mayor." Upon cross-examination he said he had never been in any joint in Argentine since April 15 except the two times stated above. Williard said that there was a big fight on between himself and some of the Councilmen who belonged to the "gang" that wanted the joints to run wide open. Counsel for the State endeavored to find out how the witness knew that the so-called "gang" were in favor of the joints being run, but were prevented from doing so on account of the court sustaining an objection to the question. Witness swore positively that he had not purchased any liquor or seen or heard of anybody else purchasing any in Richardson's place, since April 15.

Geddes Simmons took the stand in the afternoon and testified as to a conversation he had with J. R. Bowers, the prosecuting witness in the case, Friday afternoon. He said that Bowers admitted to him that the case against Williard was one of persecution and not prosecution. Mr. Simmons notified the defendant of the conversation, and, as a consequence, he was placed on the stand.

George Simmons also testified that Bowers made the same remark. An effort was made to show that the witness was a bad man, but it was of no avail. Attorney Hall then produced a telegram from Rue, one of the witnesses for the defense, stating that he could not reach court until Monday, and another adjournment was taken.

Miss Reed Surprised